

Mayor Matthew A. Pacifico

Monthly Update - July 2017



It is gearing up to be a busy summer in Altoona, and the surrounding Blair County area. We've had new business openings, including the Fairfield Inn & Suites and the TownePlace Suites by the VA Hospital; we are immersed in our summer concert series at the Railroaders' Memorial Museum; and we are looking forward to a number of fun and family-friendly events in July and August.

As your Mayor, I have been working hard to address various constituents concerns, including codes violations, roadway repair, and various beautification projects. I am always happy to meet with or speak to constituents regarding any issues that arise. Please feel free to contact me at mayor@altoonapa.gov or 814-949-2476.



4th of July Events

The 4th of July is right around the corner, and various events and celebrations will be taking place throughout Blair County. Below are some of the events taking place this 4th of July:

History By Day, Fireworks At Night!

- Fort Roberdeau Star Spangled Fourth, 383 Fort Roberdeau Road, Altoona, PA 16601. The Fort opens at 8AM; however, special events will take place between 11AM - 5PM. Events include Native American storytelling, folk music, and various fort activities.

- Summer Thunder 2017 Fireworks Display, DelGrosso's Park & Laguna Splash, Tipton, PA. The Pre-Show begins at Approximately 10PM; Fireworks Show begins at Approximately 10:30PM. There will be free parking and free admission for the fireworks display. DelGrosso's will also be open for regular business on July 4th.

For more information on the History By Day, Fireworks At Night! event, please click here:

History By Day, Fireworks At Night! Information

Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race

The Hollidaysburg YMCA will once again hold its annual Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race in Downtown Altoona. The race will take place on Tuesday, July 4th. The race will start at 7:50AM for the 15k and 8:00AM for the 5k and 2M walk.

The race will start at the Historic Mishler Theatre and weave throughout Downtown Altoona. Registration on race day will be at Heritage Plaza on 11th Ave.

For more information, including course maps and registration fees, please click here:

Angie Gioiosa 4th of July Memorial Race

City Council Meeting - July

City Council will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00PM. The meeting will take place at City Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue.

To view the full schedule for City Council meetings in 2017, click here:

2017 City Council Meeting Schedule

Project ChildSafe

June was National Safety Month. As such, the City of Altoona partnered with Project ChildSafe to promote the safe storage and handling of firearms.

Project ChildSafe, created by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is the largest, most comprehensive firearm safety education program in the United States. The National Shooting Sports Foundation is dedicated to promoting genuine firearm safety through the distribution of safety education messages and free firearm Safety Kits. The kits include a cable-style gun-locking device and brochure that discusses safe handling and secure storage guidelines to help deter access by unauthorized individuals.

Through Project ChildSafe, the City of Altoona will be distributing 150 child-safe gun-locking devices to community residents at no cost. Stay tuned for more information about how to acquire a free child-safe gun-lock.

For additional background and history about Project ChildSafe, please click [here](#):

[Project ChildSafe Background](#)

Fairfield Inn & Suites/TownePlace Suites Grand Opening

Mayor Pacifico attended the Grand Opening of the new Fairfield Inn & Suites and TownePlace Suites Altoona. The hotels are the first purpose-built extended stay hotels in the market.

These hotels will provide a beautiful respite for visitors passing through; tourists; and those who may have extended stays in the community for business. Additionally their proximity to the VA Hospital will enable family members, who have loved ones in the hospital, a comfortable environment to stay and keep a close watch on their loved ones.

Thank you to the Palmondon Hospitality Partners, the Marriott Corporation, the Fairfield Inn & Suites, and the TownePlace Suites for their investment and faith in Altoona.



National Night Out Against Crime

The City of Altoona will be sponsoring a "National Night Out Against Crime" event on Tuesday, August 1st from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in Heritage Plaza in Downtown Altoona.

National Night Out is an annual event held nationwide to promote and enhance police-community partnerships and neighborhood relationships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

During Altoona's "National Night Out Against Crime," various agencies will be hosting displays including Altoona Police Department, Altoona Fire Department, AMED, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, Operation Our Town, Because We Care Foundation, UPMC Altoona, and more.

The event will be interactive and will showcase an Altoona Police Vehicle, an Altoona Firetruck, the computer forensic van from the Office of the Attorney General, and a law enforcement tactical truck.

Additionally, the event will feature various vendors from throughout Altoona and will host a free concert by "Kicked In," beginning at 7:00pm.

More information will be available as the event nears. Hope to see you there!

Alive@5 Concert Series

The Alive@5 Concert Series is once again underway this summer and marks its 10th Anniversary this year. All concerts take place at the Railroaders Memorial Museum, 1300 9th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602.

Schedule for the remainder of the summer:

- **June 30:** Damn the Torpedoes (Tom Petty Tribute)
- **July 7:** U2 by UV (U2 Tribute)
- **July 21:** Kick it Out (Heart Tribute)
- **August 4:** Rockin' the Paradise (Styx Tribute)

Gates for the concerts open at 5pm; opening band takes the stage at 6pm; and headlining band goes on at 8pm. Must show valid ID to purchase alcohol. Carry along chairs are permitted.

Tickets for all shows are \$10 in advance / \$15 day of the show. Event goes on rain or shine. More information can be found here:

Alive@5 Concert Series Information

"Celebrate Altoona Night" at the Curve

Mark Your Calendars! The City has partnered with the Altoona Curve to host "Celebrate Altoona Night" at the ballpark on Thursday, August 10th. The night will feature city-themed vendors and city-themed games and giveaways.

Mayor Matt Pacifico will be throwing out the first pitch that evening, and will present the Altoona Curve with a proclamation and the key to the City.

More details about the event will be made available in the coming weeks.

Mayor Honored for National Guard Support

Mayor Pacifico was honored by the Employer Support of the Guard and

Reserve (ESGR) for Altoona's strong support of its employees who serve in the Pennsylvania National Guard and Reserve.

The Mayor attended the ESGR Bosslift Program in Fort Indiantown Gap in early May, where he had the opportunity to observe Guard and Reserve members on duty and learn more about their daily operations and duties.



Mayor Pacifico and National Guard Member (and Altoona Fire's Chief) Tim Hileman discussing the importance of city government support for Guard and Reserve member employees.



Mayor Pacifico and participants of the ESGR Bosslift Program.

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